

Just two months after my last newsletter in June, we received the news that Betty, Anne's sister, had passed away suddenly and peacefully at her home in Wales. It is still a huge gap in the lives of her husband and daughter but we cannot help but think how good the Lord was in allowing us such quality time with them on our last vacation (newsletter #6) and to be at that wonderful surprise dinner Karys had arranged for her mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. How blessed we are that 'we do not mourn as those without hope'.

I continue to rejoice in my relationship with Greg, the producer of [www.sermonindex.net](http://www.sermonindex.net) and we spend some time together almost weekly – what a privilege to be a mentor to such an anointed young man. In one of our times together, he asked if I had any sermons 'on tape' that he could listen to, so I gave him a copy of the CD presented to me after my 7 months at Departure Bay Baptist Church, containing all my sermons preached there. Some time later he told me he had put them onto his webpage! I immediately racked my brain trying to remember if I had said anything too controversial from that pulpit!! Now you can listen to many of my sermons there, should you wish to do so, beside those I have added to this web page. Greg has much favour from notable church leaders across the land, so much so that when he wrote that he'd like to see a conference on Revival, he was offered all the necessary infrastructure by a church in Canton, OH. (You can find all the amazing details on his web page). He asked me to attend this conference in October with him, which I was happy to do as my heart is passionately hungering for revival and I wanted to continue encouraging him in this ministry. Then he told me he had included me among the speakers! I am nervous but also excited at the prospect and have dedicated one day a week to pray and fast in preparation for that time. I shall also be moderating the Q&A session on the last afternoon. Please pray with us for a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit at that time and subsequently across this nation. I have recently been studying again Moses' plea to see the glory of God (Exodus 33) and like him, have declared my unwillingness to go unless the Lord go with me. I need His anointing both in preparation for that time and in my presentation at that time. I sense that the Lord is putting us 'into a cleft in the rock' and is about to remove His hand so that we might see the after-effects of His passing through – ie; revival.

Concerning more mundane things – I have had good health all summer and have been able to do many needed tasks at home, including more landscaping and painting the exterior of the house. I continue to be amazed at my good health. Shortly after arriving home in June, I had occasion to visit my doctor for a checkup. He sent me for several blood tests, an X-ray and a heart examination. The results all came back 'better than average' and he declared me 'getting younger every day!' I am reminded on the promise that He will 'renew our youth like the eagle'. (Psalm 103:5). I try to keep in good health, eating well and riding my bicycle frequently.

It is always a blessing when we can spend a little time with distant friends, especially in person but even by phone. In June we hosted Roy & Delma Lewis, dear friends from Swansea University days, who were here as part of a Festival of Male Voice Praise choir from the UK. That was special! Rob & Frankie Ashong from Bridgend, brought mother, daughter and grandson to visit us in August and we enjoyed good fellowship with them, as always. Rob and Frankie came to the Lord during our youth work in Wales (1974/5). He is now an itinerant gospel singer and had a recent song (Whatever happened to Christmas?) top of the Christian charts. Jenny & Mike Hill, with whom I lived for ten weeks in 1995 while leading the Advance Team for the Anastasis in Cardiff, Wales, came for a few wonderful days in August. Mike is a maxio-facial surgeon and Jenny is a leader of the national prayer movement. It was good to chat with friends from our days on the Anastasis, Pam Coursen, Tammy (and Dave) Fowler, Veronica Betz (nee Diaz), Tina Marshall (nee Klaggart) among them. To other who read these letters, we'd love to hear from you also.

Many ministry opportunities are coming my way as well as the Revival Conference. This weekend I shall be speaking at the Leadership Retreat of St George's United Church, Courtney. That will be with about 12 leaders, 3 hours north of us on this island. I have also been asked to speak at another Baptist Church who are seeking a new pastor. That is at Sidney, 30km from Victoria, and I shall be there six times between now and the New Year. Added to that, the ministry of prayer which I take seriously, and the mentoring opportunities I have with a few young adults who regularly visit our home – and I am well occupied!

My ministry diary since my last letter reads as follows:

July 8<sup>th</sup>: Sooke – Calvary Chapel;  
 July 23<sup>rd</sup>: St George's United Church, Courtney;  
 August 26<sup>th</sup>: Arbutus Christian Fellowship, Victoria  
 September 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>: Leadership Retreat, Courtney;  
 October 14<sup>th</sup>: Bethel Baptist Church, Sidney;  
 October 23<sup>rd</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>: Canton, OH – Revival Conference;  
 October 28<sup>th</sup>: Canton, OH;

*November 25<sup>th</sup>: Bethel Baptist, Sidney;  
All December, Bethel Baptist, Sidney.*